

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, claim 2, 3, 7 and 8 are amended, and claim 1 is canceled. Claims 2-8 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

The indication that claims 3-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mansell et al. (USPN 5,223,844).

To expedite prosecution, claim 1 is cancelled, claim 3 is amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 1, and claim 2 is amended to depend from amended claim 3. In addition, independent claims 7 and 8 are amended based on amended claim 3. Consequently, it is believed that claims 2-8, as amended, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

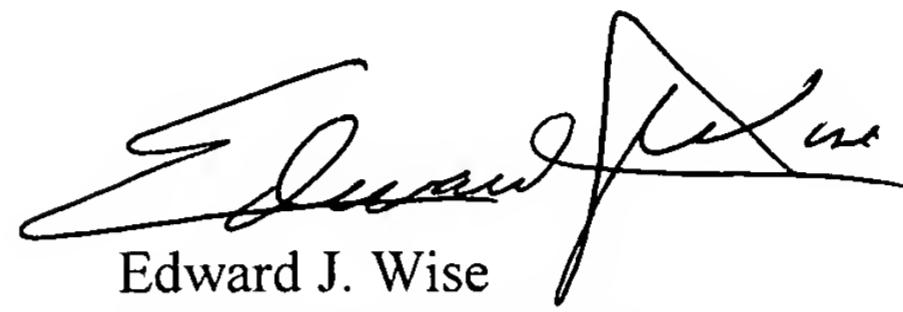
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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